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Attention: Committee Chair and Committee Assistant

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Legislative Office Building
300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 619
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RE: Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority
State Reserve Project
Proposed \$1,615,744 Loan/Grant
2018 Collection System Rehabilitation Project
Project No. E-SRP-W-17-0124

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Section 120-157.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority (YVSA) hereby notifies you of its intent to enter in to a State Reserve Project Loan/Grant with the Division of Water Infrastructure in the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission, in the expected amount of \$1,615,774.

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Purpose of Project: The proposed project is a continuation of YVSA's effort and commitment to complete collection system rehabilitation to reduce the impact of inflow and infiltration (I/I) on its system, particularly to address sanitary sewer overflows near the Regional Pump Station. Improvements would be completed in those areas that have identified problems and are tributary to the Regional PS.

Scope of Project: In order to help reduce the impact of I/I as much as possible to the Regional PS, the 2018 Collection System Rehabilitation Project is proposed as follows:

- 1. N. Bridge Street sewer rehabilitation (15,840 LF of 8" gravity sewers)
- 2. Replace crushed clay pipe near First Baptist Church (765 LF of 8" gravity sewer)
- 3. Replace 4" and 6" Orangeburg or thin-walled PVC pipe in Jonesville
- 4. Complete remaining manhole, pipe, and service line rehab in Southwest Elkin
- 5. Wet well repair and pipe replacement at the Forest Hill PS

<u>Debt Requirement of the Project</u>: The projected construction cost of the 2018 Collection System Rehabilitation Project is \$1,615,774, of which 75% (\$1,015,875.00) would be funded by a grant through the State Wastewater Reserve Program and the remaining \$599,899 funded through a State Wastewater Reserve loan at zero percent interest for 20 years.

Means of Financing the Project: As stated above, the project will be financed by a State Wastewater Reserve grant and loan of up to \$1,615,774, as subject to availability and conditions of these funding programs.

Sources of Repayment for the Project: The State Wastewater Reserve loan principal will be repaid using funds collected by the Sewer Authority from its current customer base, through normal fees. Increases in these normal fees may be necessary in the near future but we anticipate such fees to remain below 4% of the Median Household Income for our service area (for those customers using 5,000 gallons per month or less). There will be no interest payments, according to the terms of the State Wastewater Reserve loan program.

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If more specific information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above or to contact our consulting engineer, Benjie Thomas of West Consultants, at:

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Sincerely,

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